
**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION**

Digital Verification Systems,

Plaintiff,

vs.

eFileCabinet,

Defendant.

ORDER TO PROPOSE SCHEDULE

Case No. 2:21-cv-00522-HCN-CMR

District Judge Howard C. Nielson Jr.

Magistrate Judge Cecilia M. Romero

To secure the just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding and fulfill the purposes of Rules 16 and 26 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff must propose a schedule to defendant in the form of a draft [Attorney Planning Meeting Report](#) within the earlier of fourteen (14) days after any defendant has appeared or twenty-eight (28) days after any defendant has been served with the complaint.

2. Within the earlier of twenty-eight (28) days after any defendant has appeared or within forty-two (42) days after any defendant has been served with the complaint (or such other time as the Court may order), the parties shall meet and confer and do one of the following:

- a. File a jointly signed Attorney Planning Meeting Report and also email a stipulated [Proposed Patent Case Scheduling Order](#) in word

processing format to the presiding judge in the case, or if an Order Referring Case has been entered, to the referred magistrate judge, or

- b. If the parties cannot agree on a Proposed Scheduling Order, plaintiff must file a jointly signed Attorney Planning Meeting Report detailing the nature of the parties' disputes and must also file a stipulated Motion for Initial Scheduling Conference; or
- c. If the parties fail to agree on an Attorney Planning Meeting Report or on a stipulated Motion for Initial Scheduling Conference, plaintiff must file a Motion for Initial Scheduling Conference, which must include a statement of plaintiff's position as to the schedule. Any response to such a motion must be filed within seven days.

3. In the absence of filing a stipulated Proposed Scheduling Order, the parties must be prepared to address the following questions, in addition to those raised by the Attorney Planning Meeting Report:

- a. What 2-3 core factual or legal issues are most likely to be determinative of this dispute?
- b. Who are the 1- 3 most important witnesses each side needs to depose? Is there any reason these witnesses cannot be deposed promptly?
- c. What information would be most helpful in evaluating the likelihood of settlement? Is there any reason it cannot be obtained promptly?
- d. In 5 minutes or less, describe the crucial facts, primary claims, and primary defenses?

- e. Are all claims for relief necessary or are they overlapping? Can any claim for relief be eliminated to reduce discovery and expense?
- f. Are all pleaded defenses truly applicable to this case? Can any be eliminated?
- g. What could be done at the outset to narrow and target the discovery in the case?
- h. What agreements have the parties reached regarding limitations on discovery, including discovery of ESI?
- i. Is there a need to schedule follow-up status conferences?

4. Each party shall make initial disclosures within 42 days after the first answer is filed. This deadline is not dependent on the filing of an Attorney Planning Meeting Report, the entry of a Scheduling Order, or the completion of an Initial Scheduling Conference.

5. The parties are urged to propose a schedule providing for:

- a. Fact discovery completion no more than twelve months after the filing of the first answer.
- b. Expert reports from the party with the burden of proof on that issue 28 days after the completion of fact discovery, and responsive reports 28 days thereafter.
- c. Expert discovery completion 28 days after filing of an expert's report.
- d. Dispositive motion filing deadline no more than fifteen months after the filing of the first answer.

DATED this 14 September 2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cecilia M. Romero". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Magistrate Judge Cecilia M. Romero
United States District Court for the District of Utah